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In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-5 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claim 6 has been added. No new matter is being presented and approval and entry of the amendments are respectfully requested.

Claim 6 is now pending in the application.

OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to hold the drawing objection in abeyance. 37 C.F.R. §1.85(a).

OBJECTION TO THE DISCLOSURE:

All objections to the disclosure have been addressed by way of the above amendment to the specification. Withdrawal of the outstanding objection to the disclosure is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

All outstanding claim rejections are rendered moot through cancellation.

NEW CLAIM 6:

New claim 6 sets forth that the upper nose member is lofted, i.e. "non-flat," and that each of the rings are metal. All prior art of record uses a flat upper nose member that produces chafing on the animal during use. Likewise, all prior art either sews

connecting members between the snout loop and the collar member or uses flexible rubber rings. Sewn members do not adequately allow the connecting members to conform the canine head thereby causing discomfort, and rubber rings cause chaffing of the animals fur during use. Accordingly, new claim 6 presents new and non-obvious features over and above all prior art of record.

A timely notice of allowance of claim 6 is respectfully requested.

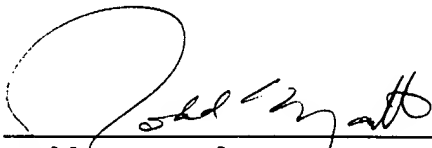
CONCLUSION

All rejections of the Examiner have been complied with, properly traversed, or rendered moot. Thus, it now appears that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions after reviewing this Amendment, he is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney so that this case may receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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